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June 27, 1998

CALFED Bay-Delta Program
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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

Gentlepersons:

Among its other activities, the Environmental Forum of Marin conducts a 22-week Training Program each year which focuses on environmental issues of both local and Bay area concern and importance.

Special concerns include the loss of many of the wetlands, marshes and baylands of the San Pablo Bay Area as well as of the greater Bay Area and the finite availability of water as a commodity. Because of these concerns, we have become interested in the Calfed Bay-Delta Program.

As a result of our review of the Programmatic EIR/EIS and attendance at meetings devoted to Bay-Delta problems, we have the following comments:

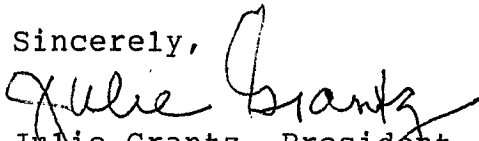
1. The three alternatives presented are too simplistic and general. In fact, they contain so many insufficiencies that we are unable to support any of the alternatives as currently drafted.
2. The North Bay Area, although a part of the larger ecosystem involved, has been largely ignored.
3. Water conservation measures included in the draft are minimal. We especially urge that support for various types of recycling and reclamation be included and that municipalities be encouraged, perhaps even required, to implement measures which address water savings.
4. The funding of special solution-oriented study proposals should be implemented. We especially recommend your reconsideration of a study proposal focused on an Integrated Floodplain Management model. This model appears to offer

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major benefits in that it addresses floods, water supply and environmental problems.

Thank you for considering our comments and for extending the comment period, thereby allowing more opportunity for public response and review.

Sincerely,


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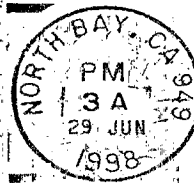
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